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SUBJ: ASSUMPTION OF PROJECT DEBT

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1. AS WE HAD SURMISED FROM OUR MEETING APRIL 30 WITH NURUL ISLAM, BDG LETTER TO US OF THAT DATE DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ADVANCE OVER BDG'S PREVIOUS POSITION. OUR BEST HOPE NOW, IT SEEMS TO US, LIES IN NURUL ISLAM'S AND PRIME MINISTER'S PERCEPTION OF BANGLADESH'S LARGER INTEREST IN REACHING AN ACCOMMODATION WITH US ON PAST DEBT THAT DOESN'T GET BOGGED DOWN INTO TOO MUCH NITPICKING OVER THE DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT OUR REPLY SHOULD AVOID DETAILED ARGUMENT--WHICH THEY ALREADY HAVE--ON INDIVIDUAL CASES BUT RATHER PRESUME THAT NURUL ISLAM'S REVIEW OF THIS QUESTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE ARGUMENTATION AND APPEAL MADE TO HIM THIS WEEK WILL LEAD TO A REVISION OF THE BDG POSITION. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED REPLY TO JOINT SECRETARY AHMED FROM ACTING AID COORDINATOR WILSON.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 30, 1974, WAS, VERY FRANKLY, MOST DISAPPOINTING. BASED ON MR. SCHWARZWALDER'S LETTER OF APRIL 5, 1974, AND OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON AUD AFTER THAT DATE, WE
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HAD BEEN HOPEFUL THAT THE RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES ON THE VARIOUS

LOANS WAS CONTINUING TOWARDS AN OVERALL SOLUTION. ON THE CONTRARY, YOUR LATEST LETTER REMOVES TWO LOANS FROM YOUR APRIL 5 LIST OF A-GREED UPON PROJECTS AND MERELY PLACES THREE OTHERS IN THE ON-GOING XATEGORY DESCRIBED IN YOUR FEBRUARY 13 LETTER AS THOSE ABOUT WHICH YOU WOULD BE 'WILLING TO DISCUSS...THE QUESTION OF ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY...'

"AS YOU KNOW, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NURUL ISLAM, SECRETARY SYEDUZZAMAN, AMBASSADOR BOSTER AND I HAD A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES ON APRIL 30. SINCE YOUR LETTER WAS WRITTEN BEFORE THAT MEETING, YOU WERE NATURALLY UNABLE TO TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU AND I SHOULD MEET AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO DISCUSS THESE POINTS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO SPECIFIC LOANS OR CATEGORIES OF LOANS WHICH REMAIN OUTSTANDING BETWEEN US.

"CONSIDERING THE VERY BRIEF PERIOD LEFT TO RESOLVE THESE QUESTIONS, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN PROCEED ON AN URGENT BASIS."

3. ACTION REQUESTED. URGENT APPROVAL OF ABOVE TEXT--OR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE--TO ENABLE US TO RESPOND TO BDG SOONEST.

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